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APPLICANTS: Duff *et al.*  
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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 26, 2003. With a three-month extension of time, this response is due on or before September 26, 2003. A petition for extension of time along with the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) is enclosed. Applicants also submit herewith a Notice of Appeal and the accompanying fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayments of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, reference 24299-502.